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CRUSS COUNTRY TEAM HAS NEW LIFE.

WORKING HARD FOR BIG RACE.

Callaway and Gimson are Giving Others Hard Race.

Trials for the Cross Country Team to represent Tech in the intercollegiate championships at Princeton will be held tomorrow on the track at Readville. This track is one lap to the mile and the distance that will be run will be six and one quarter miles, the length of the course that is run at the intercollegiates.

Conditions will thus be more favorable for fast running and that this will be the rule seems probable from the hard work that the team has been doing the past week. In addition to the team that ran the race against Harvard two weeks ago, there are several valuable men that have come out lately. Prominent among these are Callaway 1908, and Gimson 1908.

Callaway has always been one of the best track men at the Institute but he has been prevented from competing this season. In his Freshman year he took third place in the cross country race with Harvard, and won second in the halt mile at the full handicap meet the same year. In his Sophomore year he eame out second in the Harvard run and won fourth place for Tech in the two mile at the intercollegiates. He also won the two mile in the dual meet with Amherst, and performed well in the inter-class games the same year.

Last year Callaway was captain of the Cross Country Team and did splendid work during the season. He placed third in the Harvard race and landed sixteenth place, third for Tech in the intercollegiates, running on a very bad ankle. His resumption of work has given new life to the squad. Gimson has run on the Track Team ever since he has been at the Institute.

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Howland, this year's captain, has also been a heavy point winner in cross-country and distance work.

A squad of twenty fast candidates will run the trial Saturday, and with these old men out, every man will be pushed to the limit to get on the team. These men have been doing cross country work:—Captain H. Howland 1908, M. Ames, 1908, C. L. Batchelder 1909, R. Ellis 1909, L. C. Cooley 1911, P. D. White 1911, R. M. Spencer 1911, W. J. Macreadie 1911, W. J. Stephenson 1909, W. Harrington 1910, W. S. Davis 1910, F. A. Burton 1909, C. D. Clapp 1908, F. Russell 1910, H. K. Foster 1909, R. A. D. Preston 1911, E. D. Howe 1909, R. A. D. Preston 1911, E. D. Howe 1909, R. Hulsizer 1909, S. M. Niles 1911, L. O. Mills 1910, L. W. Brooks 1910. These men realize that on them rests a large share of Technology's well-earned prestige in cross country circles. With Yale winning the dual race from Harvard 36—41 there is little doubt as to the amount of work that must be done by the team.

The squad leaves the Back Bay station for Readville at 1:44, returning at 3:25. The round-trip fare is twenty-five cents.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE TO MEET.

First Time This Year. Officers Will Be Elected.

The first meeting of the year of the Institute Committee will be held in the Trophy Room, Monday, Nov. 18, at one o'clock. It is urged that all members be present. The meeting will be an important one since officers for the coming year will be elected.

WHAT WAS HERESY IS NOW SCIENCE.

RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF GEOLOGY.

Writer in New York Post Describes Growth.

Of great interest to any curious minded person is the story of the development of a science; how struggling against the almost famatical conservatism of the world the truth has survived. The following is an editorial from the Kew York Weekly Post, obtained through the courtesy of Prof. Shimer, and should at least attract the attention of everyone who has studied geotogy.

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"The Geological Society of London has
just been cerebrating its centennial, and
the speakers of the occasion have dwert
on the vast strides which the science
has made in the hundred years and the
profound influence which it has had on
our conception of man and the universe.
The beginnings of geology were the first
crude speculations as to the history and
structure of the world, a subject that
cented not fail to excite the curiosity
and stimulate the imagination of primtive man. But the ancient co-mogonies
and creation-myths were framed with
what now seems to us sublime indifference to easily observed facts.

Before the latter part of the eightcenth centurey, geologists believed that valleys and mountains were produced by great and sudden upbeavals, and that each plant and animal in the iong series preserved in the rocks was a special creation. So recently as a generation ago Lyell, born in 1797, was still looked upon as the great champion of uniformitarianism—the doctrine that existing causes, acting in the same manner and with the same intensity as at the present time, are sufficient to account for ail geological changes.

"Popular interest in the subject was immensely strengthened by the writings of a man who, though not a geologist, had been profoundly influenced by Lyell: that is, Charles Darwin. In his "Origin of Species," 1859, he applied to the development of plants and animals the same theory of uniformitarianism that Lyell and his adherents had applied to the structure of the earth. There were no special creations, but all living things, including man himself, were the product of steadily working forces. This bold attack on the first chapters of Genesis, as commonly accepted, aroused an intellectual storm which only those whose memories run back thirty or forty years can really understand.

"Lyell and his fellow scientists had been the sappers and uniners, slowly but surely destroying the notion that the Maker of the Univierse had been incessantly interfering in the operation of it. Darwin, drawing many of his arguments from that branch of geology which is now almost a distinct science, palaeoutology, had brought the truth home to men's hearts. Before the "Origin of Species," uniformitarianism had been in the minds of the generality an abstract idea that excited as little emoion as the binomial theorem. Darwin, by applying it to human kind, shook men's dearest convictions, their most passionate faith. It is no marvel that he and his followers drew upon themselves the thunder from a thousand pulpits; and that even in Oxford a learned divine asserted that the fossils in the rocks, of which the new heretics made so much were placed there by the Devil on purpose to mislead human inquirers.

"But all this bitterness and heat have now passed into the limbo of 'old, unhappy, far-off things, and battles long ago.' The statement that man is descended from a monkey, or even a jelly-fish, is cooly admitted by the most ardent theologian. So deeply has the notion of uniformitarianism penetrated the consciousness of educated men that we look upon it as we look upon the law of gravitation, or any other commonulace. Indeed, we no longer realize how wide a gulf the geologists and allied scientists have eroded between us and

(Continued on page 3.)

FENCING CLUB WILL BE ORGANIZED TODAY.

OLD ONE A CLUB ONLY IN NAME.

More Money is Needed To Pay Expenses.

The needs of fencing at the Institute have become so pressing that the various men interested in the sport gathered Wednesday evening in Capt. Loring's room in the 8t. Botolph Studios. There were present besides Capt. Loring. Manager Alfred G. Place 1908, Frank L. Lange 1909, Arthur H. Turner 1908, Victor C. Grubmau 19009, and several others.

It was decided to form a regular Technology Fencing Club the present one, being a club only in name, under the charge of Coach Fournon. There will be a meeting of all those interested in fencing this afternoon at four o'clock in the rooms of Coach Fournon at 22 St. Botolph street.

At this meeting there will be selected officers, and a constitution will be drawn up. The club will have not only its fencing work but also a social aspect, for smokers will be given later in the year.

It was also decided that at the meeting this afternoon the various qualities of the various men who have come out for the place of manager will be discussed. It was thought best that the manager be a Jumor, and after his election a competition will be instituted for the position of assistant, manager.

for the position of assistant-manager.

The Athletic Association at the present is not in a position to furnish the Fencing Team with any funds except those necessary for sending the team to the intercollegiate tournament and to meet the possible deficit from meets.

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More money than this is needed to seeme a representative team for there are many minor expenses to meet. Also a number of men, some of the most capable candidates, cannot afford the proper number of lessons to put them in proper shape for competition. It was proposed at the meeting that a competition [Continued on page 2.)

NEED A BIT OF PURPLE.

Rev. Alexander Says College Men Need Courage.

Rev. James Alexander, who had just returned from a conference with Andrew Carnegie, began a series of talks yesterday to the Y. M. C. A. with a few remarks on the soldierly qualities of a Christian.

He said: "It may seem strange to say that a college man needs genuine courage, or what Robert Louis Stevenson calls a bit of purple. A man may have a fine list of other qualities and be a good fellow, but if he lacks courage his influence is depreciated. We need a bit of manliness, a bit of purple. Without it we may as well give up at the beginning as at the end.

"Another necessary element in the Christian's life is obedience. The essence of Christianity is not creed, not simply going to church and prayer-meeting (although I would not hold my position unless some did this) but it is obedience to what Christ says to us in our inner heart."

LECTURE IS POSTPONED.

Commendatore Boni, who was to have given a course of lectures before the Lowell Institute on "Recent Archeological Discoveries in Rome," has found himself unable to come to Boston at present. The course is therefore just-poned until further notice.

TO DISCUSS ELECTRICAL CONDITIONS.

John W. Coming, Electrical Engineer for the Boston Elevated, will present a raper, "The Relation Between Station Output and the Atmospheric Temperature in Railroad Work," before the Boston branch of the American Institute of Engineers next Wednesday evening in the auditorium of the Edison Company. 39 Boylston St.

PRESIDENT ROGERS IS AGAIN HONORED.

NAME CHAIR FOR FOUNDER OF INSTITUTE.

University of Virginia Rewards President Rogers Services

In recognition of the eminent and devoted services of William Barton Rogers the founder and the first President of the Institute of Technology, to the University of Virginia, the Rector and Visitors of the University have accused that the Chair of Economic Geology recently established in that insultation shall be designated the William Barton Rogers Chair of Economic Geology.

This action is particularly appropriate, as Professor Rogers was very distinguished as a geologist. This chair of Economic Geology was established in the University of Virginia last June, and the first incumbent is Thomas Leonard Watson, who was recently connected with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Professor Watson is a man of distinction and eminence in geological work in this country.

President Rogers was born in Ph.la-delphia, in December, 1804, of a tami y many of whose members have been distinguished for their work in natural science. He was educated at the College of William and Mary, and was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy there at the age of twenty-four. Seven years later he was called to the University of Virginia to fill a similar position, and was appointed head of the Geological Survey of Virginia. In 1846 he and his brother formulated a "Plan for a Polytechnic School in Boston," and finding that on y a school independent of existing universities could do the work which was needed, he joined the movement already started

a "Plan for a Polytechnic School in Boston," and finding that on y a school independent of existing universities could do the work which was needed, he joined the movement already started by many leading citizens, which culminated in the foundation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This was from start to finish a difficult task, requiring unlimited time and perseverance and no small amount of money; but his untiring efforts achieved a result, and he was rewarded for them with the Presidency.

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has services to the Institute are well known. For many years he worked hard and steadily to bring it to fame and success, and to him is largely due the credit for all that Technology is and hopes to be. He he'd the position from 1859 until his death on the day of the 1882 graduation exercises. May 30, 1882.

BASKET BALL PROSPECTS UNUSUALLY BRIGHT.

TWENTY CANDIDATES OUT.

Squad is Larger Than Usual and Passing is Fair.

Basket ball at Tech has begun in earnest. About 20 candidates have reported to Capt. Wentworth 1909 at the gymnasium. The outlook for a fast team is very bright, the squad is larger than usual, and in addition to the five regulars back a number of new men show considerable ability.

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A list of candidates out for the team follows: E. J. Cahill, K. Dillan, R. Emmel, K. D. Fernstrom, W. F. Grines, W. B. Hartgraves, N. B. Gregory, H. G. Jenekes, W. W. Johnson, S. McPherson, R. H. Nichols, T. D. Parker, A. Pettengill, W. J. Pierce, H. Schatz, J. H. Shaw, E. Stuart, D. R. Stevens, Capt. P. M. Wentworth, Coach Kanaly, who will coach the team, played on the fast Marlborough professional quintet and is well fitted for the position.

The work has so far consisted in shooting baskets and passing the ball. Three teams have been picked and 10-minute scrimmages are played. Team work is bardly to be expected so carly in the season, but the passing is very fair. Holding and inaccurate shooting are the (Continued on page 3.)

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AN IDEA FOR TECH.

In answer to an inquiry regarding the system under which the news stall of the Pennsylvania is run, the following letter has been received from Robert L. Lowe, 1998, editor-in-chief. This in-quiry was made because THE TECH has left for some years that such a has left for some years that such a system might be instituted at the Institute to great advantage. A large number of candidates would come out for the News Staff, THE TECH would benefit not only from being able to have a large number of men working, but also from being able to get the best men in the Freshman Cass on the editorial staff, and the best men themselves staff, and the best men themselves wound get practical education in the use of lengths. THE TRUH hopes that a plan such as is outlined in Mr. Lowe's letter can be adopted at the Institute.

Mr. Lowe said in part:—"First let me

say that the system as indicated by the editorial to which you refer was subsequently modified due to force of circumstances. When the rule making it obligatory for all candidates to take our course in Newspaper Writing was put into effect it was found that so few Freshmen could adjust their rosters to the hour at which that course is given that the number of candidates was ma-terially decreased. That is to say that while last year we had forty candidates at the opening of the season, this year we had but eight.

"The system now employed is this: A course entitled "Newspaper Writing" is given in the English Department by Professor Cornelius Weygandt, who spent several years in active newspaper work in this city. The work in this city. course counts toward a degree. All candidates are advised to take the course and the work done by them for the paper is accepted by Prof. Weygandt as an equivalent for his requirements. Thus we add an inducement to men to

become candidates.
"This plan has worked very well and our number of candidates is now about normal. The best of them are taking the newspaper course and receiving credit from the taculty for their work

on the paper.

This method can hardly be called a system, as you can see. The plans originally laid proved impractical, as you can see they would under the circum-

OFFERS TWO PRIZES.

THE TECH offers two prizes of five dollars each for drawings for its in-serts in Technique 1909. One drawing is to be a full-page frame for the picture of the Board of Editors, with a space left also for the names. The other is to be a head for the page which contains the list of members of the staff. that they are illustrating the page assigned to a newspaper. All drawings must be in the hands of the Managing Editor by Saturday. Dec. 21. This condition is positive, and, if no drawings are in, time will NOT be extended.

THE TECH also reserves the right to decline to accept all of the drawings if none are acceptable. Further information may be secured from the Managing Editor.

POSTERS A DISCRACE.

"Indiscriminate conglomeration" styles perfectly the posters in the various Institute buildings. Not only are the regular posters of irregular size and shape, but there are numerous posters painted

in a sloppy manner on wrapping paper, cheap card board and writing paper.

As a visitor enters Rogers a most startling sight greets him. A fringe of wrapping paper, inked with pink or blue, hangs from various bulletin boards. The blackboard is covered with signs announcing all kinds of meetings in all sorts of ways. Worse even is the bulle-tin at the head of the first flight of

What should be done is to assign to each organization a distinctive poster. Every poster should have printed at the top the name of the organization. This should include the classes as well as the clubs and other organizations. This is already done by the Track Team, Fencing Team, Cross Country Team, THE TECH, and others.

There should also be assigned places for posters, also some sort of rule in regard to the placing of posters. The track management has considerable difficulty in keeping posters in place during the fall season, the posters being removed by other organizations to secure the tacks. The track posters were thrown on the floor and swept up by the jani-

Rules in regard to posters should be formulated at once by the Institute Com-

FENCING CLUC ORGANIZED TODAY.

(Continued from page 1.) be started among the candidates for the team, and a varsity squad be picked at the end of each month. The money raised for the development of the team can be used to partially pay for the instruction of these men.

If this procedure is instituted there will be working from now until the in-tercollegiate meet the six best candidates. Coach Fournon advises that this is the only way Technology can make any kind of a showing against the other colleges. Also under this plan, at the end of each month there will be an opportunity for other candidates to dis-

place the men on the varsity squad.

The outlook for the Fencing Team, bright at the opening with numerous candidates, has been gloomy in the past few weeks. The number of men out have decreased from thirteen to six. However, in the past two days there has been a change for the better. Wednesday there were thirteen men practicing and a number have renewed their club memberships.

Turner, who had experience on the Princeton team and was a member of the Tech team last year, has announced

this intention to come out this year.

This makes the outlook for a strong team much brighter. Captain Loring has been working daily since the opening of school with Grubnau. Lange has been working hard and is in good shape while there are several very promising new candidates working.

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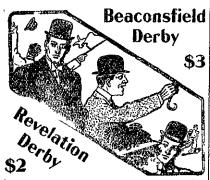
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BASKET BALL PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

(Continued from page 1.) worst faults. Practice will continue

daily at 4.30.

The schedule follows:—Dec. 9 Boston College at Tech Gym. Dec. 14 Dartmouth at Hanover. Jan. 1 Tufts at Medford. Jan. 4 Worcester Polytechnic Indicates at Worcester. Jan. 7 Harvard stitute at Worcester. Jan, 7 Harvard at Cambridge. Jan, 11 Williams at Williamstown. Jan, 15 Lowell Textile Williamstown. Jan. 15 Lowell Textile at Lowell. Feb. 5 Pratt Institute at Brooklyn. Feb. 6 Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn. Feb. 7 College of the City of New York at New York Feb. 8 U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Feb. 12 Tufts, Tech Gym. Feb. 19 Brown at Providence. Feb. 21 Dartmouth, Tech Gym. Feb. 26 Holy Cross at Worcester. Feb. 29 University of Maine. Tech Gym. Maine, Tech Gym.

CALENDAR.

Friday, Nov. 15.

4:00 P. M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in

33 Rogers. 1:00 P.M. Rifle Ctub Meeting in Rogers. 4:00 P. M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal

in 33 Rogers. 7:30 P. M. Southern Club Meeting at

the Union. 4:00 P. M. Fencing Team Meets at 22 St. Botolph St.

Saturday, Nov. 16.

6:30 P. M. Dinner of El Circulo Mexi-cano at the American House.

Monday, Nov. 18.

1:10 P. M. Meeting of THE TECH Board of Editors in 30 Rogers. 4:00 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the

Union. 4:00 P. M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.

4:10 P.M. Gymnasium Class Work Be-

gins. 7:30 P.M. Civil Engineering Society Smoker at the Union.

FACULTY NOTICES

1911.—All first year men who have not received a physical examination should report to C. Towne, Instructor at once at the Gymnasium,

MILITARY SCIENCE.-The examination for officers will take place today, 4.05-5.05, in Rogers. There is an opportunity for a Sophomore to take the position of second licutenant.

GYMNASIUM.-Regular class work will begin at the Gynnasium Monday, Nov. 18, at 4.10 P.M. There will be two classes a day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.10 and 5.10 P. M. respectively. Open to all students.

REGISTER OF STUDENTS,-Proofs of the register of students for the Catalogue are now posted on the bulletin boards. and all students are requested to report at once to the Registrar any errors or omissions. The list will remain or omissions. The list will remain posted until Saturday, Nov. 16, only, after which the printing will be proceeded with,

NOTICES.

RIFLE CLUB.—There will be an important meeting of the Rifle Club Friday at 1 P. M. in Rogers.

FENCING.—A meeting of all those interested in fencing will be held this afternoon at 22 St. Botolph St.

INSTITUTE COMM.—The Institute Comittee will meet in the Trophy Room at one o'clock Monday. Election of

1910.-Last call for orders for Sophomore Class Pipes. If you have not already done so, leave your order with Southgate, Harrison, Jackson, or at the Cage, before 12 o'clock Saturday.

SOUTHERN CLUB.—There will be a meeting of the Southern Club at the Union, Friday, Nov. 15, at 7.30. All Southern men in Tech are expected to

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(Continued from page 1.) our grandfathers. The paracontologists of 1907 are still uncarthing fossils that exhibit the genealogy of the horse and the elephant: but popular attention now seems turning toward the more terrific manifesations of natural law in earthquakes and volcanoes.

"For such study the last twenty-five years have provided an unusual amount of material. The cataclysm of August, 1883, which rent asunder the island of Krakatoa, has been followed by a succession of appalling disturbances of the earth's crust; the reawakening of the New Zealand volcano, Taraweta, and the resultant destruction of the famous pink and white terraces of Rotomahana: the earthquake at Charleston, S. C.; the long series of earthquakes in Japan, one of them perhaps the most formidable yet recorded; and the earthmovements of southeastern Alaska, disrupting the Muir glacier. The events of 1902 are still fresh in mind; the destruction by earthquake of considerable parts of Chilpaneinzo in Mexico and Quetzaltenango in Guatemala: the eruptions in the West Indies, with the annihilation of Saint-Pierre; and the foundering of the island of Tori-Shima in Japanese waters. And then more recently, the vast disturbance in Formosa, the new chapter in the history of Ve-

the new chapter in the history of Vesuvius, and the carthquakes of San Francisco, Valparaiso, and Jamaica. "Here are tremendous catastrophes which a century and a half ago wou'd have been widely regarded as interposition of Providence to punish a guilty world. Men who have instantly recalled Isaiah's threat against Jerusalam. "Those chall be visited by the salem, "Thoy shalt be visited by the Lord of hosts with thunder and with earthquake, and great noise, and the flame of devouring fire." But today we see in these disasters nothing but the steady and inevitable settling of the earth's crust and the display of those Titanic forces which, without haste and without rest, regardless of puny man, his follies, his s'ns, and his card-houses, work from everlasting to everlasting."

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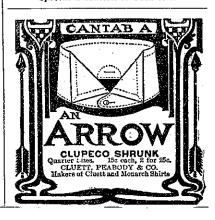
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